

WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, July 25, 2006

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Chairman Spence called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Spence were Board members Messrs. Edwards, Hertzler, Lane and Quarles. Board member Klee was absent. Staff members present were Zoning Administrator Murphy and Secretary Scott.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Spence explained the consent agenda procedure to the audience stating that if an application is in full compliance with the ***Design Review Guidelines***, it is placed on the consent agenda. If no member of the Board has any question regarding the application and concurs that it is in full compliance with the *Guidelines*, the audience is asked if they are present to discuss any case on the Consent Agenda. If there is no one in the audience present to discuss any item on the Consent Agenda, those applications are approved as submitted and the applicants dismissed without further discussion.

Mr. Spence requested that ARB #06-072, Ripley's Believe It or Not, be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

Applications on tonight's Consent Agenda:

ARB #06-073 Hertzler/605 College Terrace – Accessory Building (Garden Shed)

SIGN #06-042 Caffè Espresso/200-C Monticello Avenue – Building Mounted Sign

There being no additional questions or comment from the Board or the audience about the Consent Agenda cases, it was moved that they be approved with staff recommendations. The motion carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Spence, Hertzler, Lane, Quarles
Nay:	None
Abstain:	Hertzler (from #06-073)
Absent:	Klee

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

ARB #06-071 Health Evaluation Center/328 North Henry Street – New Building – Approved

Mr. Spence noted that the applicant is returning to the Board with responses to three or four items identified during conceptual review of the project.

Present was Edward H. Winks, Winks-Snowa Architects, PC, representing American Health Properties, LLC.

Mr. Winks said:

- It appeared at conceptual review that the Board preferred the building be all white. The final proposal is for the building to be all white rather than white washed.
- The Board had asked that careful attention and consideration be given to the entrance on South Henry Street. Although not the main entrance to the building, the South Henry entrance will be an actual functioning entrance with an operable gate.
- Landscaping will be used on the building's long façade to break up the mass. Trees and ground plantings will be installed as proposed.
- Final proposed materials and color selections for the building are submitted. He noted there will be no siding on the all-brick structure; the windows and doors will be all wood.

Comments from Board members included:

- Landscaping is appropriate with what's existing. (Hertzler)
- The breakup of the mass of the building is good. (Lane)
- Mr. Spence referred to Mr. Klee's letter of July 21 in which he noted he would not be in attendance at tonight's meeting and raised the issue of the color of the brick. Mr. Klee expressed that the structure should be broken up visually by varying the color of the brickwork in the major blocks. Discussion among Board members present followed:
 1. Agree the varying color would break up the mass of the building, but often doesn't turn out well.
 2. Maybe options should be left open for the applicant to white wash or to paint all white.
 3. It was suggested the applicant observe the effect of rain on white-washed brick -- the mortar stays a different color for several days. This can be observed at a house in Holly Hills, at the end of Holly Hills Drive.

Mrs. Murphy confirmed that the relocation of the Lawson House to Scotland Street is included in tonight's proposal. She also noted that the proposal will be presented to the Planning Commission at their August 16 meeting.

Mr. Spence moved that the proposed Health Evaluation Center be approved as well as the relocation of the Lawson House to Scotland Street. Mr. Hertzler asked what effect the relocation of the house will have on its exterior and was told there will be a new foundation as well as restoration to the house once it's moved.

Mr. Lane seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Spence, Hertzler, Lane, Quarles
Nay:	None
Absent:	Klee

CORRIDOR PROTECTION DISTRICT

ARB #06-072 Ripley's Believe It or Not/1735 Richmond Road – Color Change – Approved with Conditions

John Hopke and Kristen O'Connell, Hopke and Associates, presented the proposed color change on the building by adding Raleigh Tavern Chinese Red to the display windows, museum door and trim around the top of the building.

Mr. Spence commented that the Chinese Red troubles him because it frames the building too much and makes the building jump out too much. He said he would prefer white as previously approved.

Mr. Hopke responded that although the owners are pleased with what they have seen so far, the building just doesn't "pop off the page" like other businesses along Richmond Road. He added that the trees in the traffic island also interfere with a clear view of the building. Mr. Spence said that because the cornice is a major element on the building, the color needs to be kept toned down.

Mr. Spence moved that the requested color change to Raleigh Tavern Chinese Red for the window box and door be approved, but not the change in color of the cornice. Mr. Lane seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Spence, Hertzler, Lane, Quarles
Nay:	None
Absent:	Klee

ARB #06-075 Walgreen's/1309 Richmond Road – Color Change (brick) – Approved

Randy Nance stated that he is representing the applicant with the request to change the brick colors for the building. After having their brick selection approved by the Board, the applicant found the selected bricks could not be delivered to the building site in time to meet the construction schedule. Mr. Nance said they have now found another brick that is very close to the previous selection.

After discussion and comparison regarding the color of the proposed brick, Mr. Lane moved that the replacement brick be approved. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 4-1.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Spence, Lane, Quarles
Nay:	Hertzler
Absent:	Klee

SIGNS

SIGN #06-026 Ripley's Believe It or Not/1735 Richmond Road – Monument Signs for Museum & Theater – Approved with Conditions

Jason Hill, Fine Signs and Graphics, and Chester Thomas, contractor for Ripley's, were present to respond to any questions the Board might have regarding the request to change the brick portion of the sign above the base to stucco for both the museum and the theater signs. Mr. Thomas noted that they will be going way over budget if they pursue the sculptured stone previously approved.

Mrs. Murphy confirmed that although there is no policy on Styrofoam, a request for use of the material for a project on Parkway Drive was previously denied.

There was Board discussion regarding the tiles proposed for use on the columns for the theater sign and the use of Styrofoam for the key; neither of these materials met with Board approval.

For the theater sign, Mr. Hertzler moved that the use of Santa Fe brick be used for the base and common red for the columns. Also, Santa Fe brick for the arch with cast stone for the key. Pending another submittal, the approval for the museum sign will remain. Mr. Thomas received approval to build the base on the museum sign, with the remainder of the sign pending submittal of the other request.

Mr. Quarles seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Spence, Lane, Quarles, Hertzler
Nay:	None
Absent:	Klee

CONCEPTUAL REVIEW

ARB #06-069 Payne/308 South Boundary Street – Addition to single-family dwelling

Virginia Payne, owner, and Jeff Barra, Toano Design, Inc. representing the owner, were present to respond to any questions from the Board. Mr. Barra noted that there were a number of comments from the last meeting that they would like to address, on this, the third time they have been before the Board for conceptual review. Mr. Barra displayed

a plan indicating the footprint of dwellings in the area in response to the Board's concern regarding the size of the proposed addition relative to the neighborhood. He said the addition blends in with the neighborhood and would be difficult to see if walking by.

Board comments included:

- Mr. Hertzler stated that the hard work is appreciated and results in a better idea of the addition within the neighborhood.
- Mr. Lane added that the movement of the windows is a big improvement.
- Mr. Barra stated that the existing windows will probably be replaced since they are in rough shape.
- Mr. Spence agreed with Mr. Hertzler that the hard work is much appreciated and added that the applicant is moving in the right direction.

ARB #06-074 Hertzler/605 College Terrace – Addition/Carport/Detached Garage Changes – Conceptual Review

Mr. Hertzler, owner, introduced Phillip Merritt, landscape architect working on the project. Discussion followed regarding the addition to the rear of the house, a detached carport to the right of the dwelling, a fireplace and an addition to the accessory structure to include a bathroom and pavilion.

OTHER

Minutes for July 11, 2006

The minutes for the July 11, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted viva voce.

APVA Preservation Conference

Mrs. Murphy announced the APVA Preservation Conference will be September 24-26, 2006 in Williamsburg & Historic Jamestowne, and will serve as part of the training requirement for the Board. There will also be a workshop on restoration techniques and traditional building trades held at Bacon's Castle in Surry County September 22-24. Mrs. Murphy will distribute necessary information for registration.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Dee Scott
Secretary